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## Further Clarification Of FM Application Processing Procedures With Respect To The Adoption Of New Rules In BC Docket 80-90

This notice will seek to clarify several questions raised about application processing procedures in light of the new rules in BC Docket 80-90.

1. All applicants for new Class C facilities must apply for 100 kilowatts at a minimum antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) of 300 meters (984 feet). If an applicant proposes to use an overheight antenna (greater than 600 meters), the effective radiated power must be reduced to yield the equivalent of maximum Class C facilities (100 kilowatts at 600 meters yields a distance to the 1 mV/m contour of 92 km). For example, if an applicant applied for 700 meters, which exceeds the maximum HAAT for a Class C facility, the effective radiated power must be reduced to 71 kilowatts to yield a distance to the 1 mV/m contour of 92 km (no more and no less).
2. All applicants for new Class C1 facilities must select a combination of HAAT and effective radiated power that will yield a distance to the 1 mV/m contour between 53 km and 72 km (See Table A).
3. Requests to change the class of an FM channel will be submitted as petitions for rulemaking to amend the Table of Allotments. This includes a request to change the class of a vacant allotment in the Table of Allotments and stations whose construction permits were granted on or after March 1, 1984. All stations existing prior to March 1, 1984 and stations whose construction permits were granted as a result of an application filed prior to March 1, 1984 are an exception to the aforementioned rule; reductions or upgrades in class for these stations will be handled as applications, not rulemakings, until March 1, 1987. Requests to recover a previously downgraded class must be submitted as petitions for rulemaking to amend the Table of Allotments.

4. Applications which are tendered on or after March 1, 1984 by stations existing prior to March 1, 1984 (including permittees with granted construction permits) that do not meet the minimum standards for Class B or Class C facilities will be presumed to be requests for reclassification to Class B1, C1 or C2 as appropriate. A request to override the presumption must contain a statement demonstrating a need to temporarily remain below Class B or C standards and an assurance that at least minimum Class B or C facilities will be achieved by March 1, 1987.

TABLE A

The following table shows for each FM class, the zone; the maximum ERP; the maximum HAAT; and the distance to the 60 dBu contour calculated by using the maximum ERP and HAAT and then rounding to the nearest kilometer.

FM CLASS	ZONE	MAX ERP KW	MAX HAAT METERS	DIST TO 60 dBu ROUNDED (KM)
A	1 + 1A	3	100	24
B1	1 + 1A	25	100	39
B	1 + 1A	50	150	52
A	2	3	100	24
C2	2	50	150	52
C1	2	100	299	72
C	2	100	600	92

Questions regarding these procedures should be directed to Bob Greenberg on (202) 632-7166.